



Senator Saxby Chambliss Agriculture Update



Dear fellow Georgian:

Because I know you care about important issues regarding agriculture and rural development, I am pleased to share some important news with you. I have recently been chosen to serve as the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry. This is a prestigious and important post, and I am honored and humbled to chair this key committee.

Throughout my service in the Congress, I have always worked hard to ensure the voices of farmers, agribusiness and rural communities all over the State of Georgia are heard in Washington. This new leadership position will only strengthen my efforts to ensure your voices are heard and you have a seat at the table as Congress moves forward working on issues important to both agriculture and rural America.

As always, it is a great honor to serve you.

Very truly yours,

Saxby Chambliss

Chambliss to Chair Senate Agricultural Committee

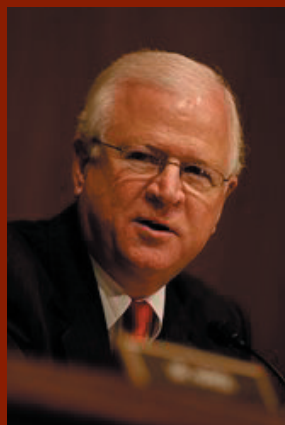
Agriculture is one of Georgia's single largest economic sectors, producing valuable exports of peanuts, pecans, peaches, tobacco, cotton and a wide variety of other crops and vegetables. As the new Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, Senator Chambliss will work hard on behalf of farmers and agribusiness to keep this vital sector thriving and contributing to Georgia's economic health.

As Chairman, Chambliss will lead congressional efforts to address our national agriculture policy, as well as, address the needs of rural America. For example, the Senate Agriculture Committee has jurisdiction over several items that need to be addressed this year, including the Commodities Futures Trading Act and the Federal Crop Insurance Act. Additionally, the Committee will begin preparations to reauthorize the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, which is set to expire in 2007, over the next couple of years.

The biggest agenda item facing agriculture this year will be budget reconciliation and Senator Chambliss is will ensure agriculture is not singled out or targeted for unfair cuts.

CHAMBLISS HITS THE GROUND RUNNING

On his first day on the job as the Chairman of the Agriculture Committee, Senator Chambliss hit the ground running by holding a hearing on President George W. Bush's nominee for Secretary of Agriculture, Nebraska Governor Mike Johanns. Chambliss called Governor Johanns, "highly qualified and well respected by America's agriculture community." Johanns' nomination was approved by the Committee and his nomination will now be before the full Senate for consideration.



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Senator Chambliss regularly meets with Georgia farmers to discuss congressional efforts regarding agriculture.

Senator Chambliss and his office can help you

If you need help with a federal agency, Senator Chambliss and his staff stand ready to assist you.

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